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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 0336

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PBOR MR SS UR

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: COMMENTS BY SOVIET DIPLOMAT

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 194

1. SOVIET COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, IVAN DROUJININE, COMMENTED FEBRUARY 10 THAT SOVIET POLICY ON WESTERN SAHARA CONSTITUTES: (A) SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND (B) SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION GROUPS. WHEN ASKED BY DCM IF USSR CONSIDERS POLISARIO LEGITIMATE LIBERATION GROUPS, DROUJININE DODGED, CLAIMING HE DID NOT KNOW IF IT HAD BEEN SO BAPTIZED.

2. DROUJININE, DURING DINNER AT SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, WAS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SAHARA SITUATION, UNLIKE PREVIOUS OCCASION (REFTEL) WHEN HE WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS TOPIC. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SAHARA DISPUTE IS VIRTUALLY CLOSED BOOK BUT TOOK SHARP EXCEPTION TO SUGGESTION THAT CONTINUATION OR WIDENING OF CONFLICT IS NOW PRIMARILY IN HANDS OF ALGERIANS. DROUJININE ALSO MADE CONCERTED  
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